

# **EDUCATING FOR HOPE IN TROUBLED TIMES:** Climate change and the transition to a post-carbon future

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In troubled and fast-changing times all adults have a responsibility to help prepare young people for a future that will be very different from today. This book explores three interrelated issues - climate change, peak oil, limits to growth – all of which will affect our futures. Written for educators and all those with a responsibility for young people, this inspirational book sets out clearly both the dilemmas we face and the transition we need to undertake.

*This book is a timely, significant and necessarily bold – a critically important navigational guide to the learning journey we must all make to a low-carbon and very different future. It is at once a wake-up call and an inspirational 'why, what and how' guide to all parents and educators striving to help young people navigate an uncertain future.*

Prof. Stephen Sterling, Centre for Sustainable Futures, Plymouth University

*Once again, David Hicks provides the premier educational perspective on important global issues and trends. For over thirty years, whether the concern is sustainability, young people's yearning for a sustainable future or the climate crisis, he speaks to the art and science of teaching like no other. This is a must-read book for every parent and teacher seeking to understand the defining issue of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

Prof. John Fien, Executive Director, Swinburne Leadership Institute, Melbourne

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Changing climate - Easy oil - Growing limits

## **Pt 2 – Facing the Challenge**

Acknowledging feelings - Questioning the future - Accepting transition

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The nature of hope - Sharing success stories - Visualising the future

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Post-carbon scenarios - Tasks for educators

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